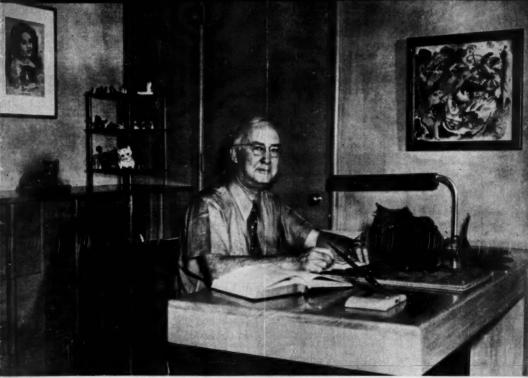
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# I introduce a new editor

By ALAN SWALLOW

THERE is big news this month. Author & Journalist has a new editor! The group which has directed the magazine for the past 22 months has sold the magazine to Nelson Antrim Crawford, who now takes over as both editor and publisher.

I am glad that Mr. Crawford succeeds to the editorship—and that I have the privilege of introducing him to you. For something like 20 years he has represented to me the finest qualities of

responsible editing.

The time that I first knew of Nelson Antrim Crawford is still vivid to me. Twenty years ago last summer, between two of my high school years. I had a job running a filling station in Gardiner, Mont., the north entrance to Yellowstone Park. The hours were long. I remember that I worked from six in the morning to eight at night for \$65 per month, plus room and board, and I was a proud, high-paid youngster! In the brief periods typical of tourist trade, I would sit on a box in front of the station and read dozens and dozens of the Little Blue Books published by the late E. Haldeman-Julius. Those five-cent books were truly a poor man's library!

Among the books I bought, 20 at a time for a dollar, were a number edited and prepared by Nelson Antrim Crawford. I remember that he did editions of the Romantic poets for the series, and a volume of contemporary poetry. These small volumes provided a background for the interest in literature and writing which I was then developing. It was the same summer that I first started to write verse myself. In the way one associates many events important in his own development, I link together that summer, the Haldeman-Julius Little Blue Books, and an editor, Nelson Antrim Crawford, in a special hierarchy of personal help

Very shortly, I associated Mr. Crawford with the editorship of *Household*, indeed a "household" magazine in all the rural and small-town homes I knew. I watched his work there and found he edited one of the most interesting popular magazines ever published.

In the mid-thirties, when I was a member of the debating squad at the University of Wyoming I was sent to a mock legislature held in the capitol at Topeka. One morning I got away from the sessions and called upon Mr. Crawford at the Capper offices. I found a most affable, human person, more than willing to talk with a beginning writer.

Now Mr. Crawford has resigned his editorship of *Household* and purchased what we think is the best of the writers' magazines, A&J. I can't think of a happier choice than to have this magazine

and Mr. Crawford together.

Mr. Crawford combines, to my mind, those qualities which make the best editor for a writers' magazine. I have already mentioned my personal experience in finding him pleasant, affable, and

human. He has a sincere and deep interest in the beginning writer as well as the professional writer. As editor of *Household*, he was found by hundreds to be a good editor for the professional author, but also especially receptive to new writers. I know that he counts as one of his stars—deservedly so—the fact the *Household* was the first magazine of mass circulation to publish Jesse Stuart. He also introduced a number of other young writers to a national audience.

With these qualities, Mr. Crawford combines sound literary taste with practical experience of long duration in the literary marketplace.

PERHAPS most important of all, his personal experiences in the writing field have been exceptionally varied. I have felt that this was particularly advantageous for an editor of a writers magazine since he, for the sake of his readers, needs knowledge and experience in almost every writing field, both as editor and as writer. And Mr. Crawford certainly has that knowledge and

experience.

First of all, as an editor Mr. Crawford served as chief of Household for 22 years. Before that he was director of information for the Department of Agriculture, where he had charge of the radio and press services and also of the publications of that active department. He has done daily newspaper work and editing. He served as an associate editor of the famous "little" magazine, the Midland, as editor for a time of the Kansas Churchman, and as editorial writer for Farm and Fireside He also did editorial work for the Encyclopaedia Brittanica and contributed to it and other reference works.

Mr. Crawford has an active interest in education, having been at one time head of the Department of Journalism at Kansas State College, and being still a frequent lecturer before college

audiences and writing groups.

As a writer, he has had experience of similar variety and distinction. He has contributed articles to many outstanding magazines, including the Reader's Digest, Coronet, the American, Look, and the American Mercury (especially in the Mercury's famous days under H. L. Mencken). He has also written for such journals as the Psychoanalytic Review.

His books are numerous and of many kinds. I have mentioned his many editorial jobs on Little Blue Books. He has published two novels, A Man of Learning and Unhappy Wind. His book of poems appeared under the title The Carrying of the Ghost. His non-fiction books include We Liberals and The Ethics of Journalism. Among the books he has edited, his favorite, he tells me, is Cats: In Prose and Verse.

His, truly, has been a distinguished career. This career is to be capped by his new job as editor and publisher of *Author & Journalist*. I know he will make it a better and better magazine.

Now, to the many thousands of personal friends—for so I have found them—I have made through A&J, I wish to say good-bye. Good luck. Write much and sell much! I hope sincerely that I can be of service to you again.

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By NELSON ANTRIM CRAWFORD

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I have no illusion that I personally am going to solve them, but I do believe that you, the earnest readers of *Author & Journalist*, and I, working together, can whip a lot of the bugbears.

And so I'd like to make this monthly department a forum for us to talk things over in a friendly and helpful way. Writers form a great fraternity—you might well call them a family. And here is a place for down-to-earth, heart-to-heart family discussion—argument, too, if it turns up. (Not many families are without arguments.) Do take your part in the family conclave.

I know that you feel thoroughly acquainted with Doctor Swallow and Mr. Critchlow, who have done such an outstanding job in making Author & Journalist invaluable every day to serious-minded writers. I hope you will get equally well acquainted with me, their successor, and will give me the same wonderful cooperation that you have given them. This isn't my magazine; it is your magazine, published to give you every help it can. What help do you need? What help can you give your fellow writers?

As for me—I'm going to try to remember the advice my Uncle Wilbur used to give to me—and also to his wife, his lawyer, his banker, his cat: "Don't be ignorant. Don't be ignorant."... Sometime I'll tell you more about Uncle Wilbur.

A MONG the pleasantest things about being a writer, I've found, are the by-products of the profession. You make new acquaintances. new friends. You develop interest in a variety of things. You find how your writings have helped folks.

The most heartening writing by-product that ever came to me followed an article. "The Little Professor of Piney Woods," for the Reader's Digest several years ago. I wrote it because I thought it was a good story and because I felt Dr. Laurence Jones, the "Little Professor," whom I had known since university days, deserved wider recognition than he had got. The by-product of the article, which practically knocked me for a loop, was the fact that it brought in \$125,000 in voluntary contributions to the school for underprivileged Negroes described in the article.

I know that many of you have found by-products of your writing as stimulating as the actual writing or publication. I wish you'd tell your fellow readers about them. What you say can appear with or without your name, as you prefer. The incidents needn't be anything spectacular—but helpful or stimulating to you or others in some way. Let's try through this column to inspire one another. Heaven knows there is none too much inspiration in these troubled days.

NOTHING, I am convinced, profits a writer more than accuracy. I have said in a lot of talks that a good editor hates inaccuracy as much

as a parson hates sin.

And, speaking of parsons, the number of inaccurate quotations from the Bible that appear in submitted manuscripts is astounding. Yet here is a place where inaccuracy is pretty sure to get caught up with. A surprising number of editors know the Scriptures as thoroughly as they know their magazine stylebooks. Every writer needs a Bible and a concordance to go with it.

Incidentally, better use the King James version if you are writing for a mass audience. Avoid the revised versions-they may be more accurate but they repel too many people. If you're writing specifically for Roman Catholics, you'll use the Douay

version, of course.

Perhaps that is a digression, of sorts. Anyway, "Accuracy Always" is a motto that hangs in many newspaper city rooms where it isn't always followed. It is even more important in magazine work, which has greater permanence and of which more precision is expected.

Names, places-nobody will excuse us for getting them wrong. Nor for inaccurate dialect or a score of other things. Most inaccuracies don't get by editors-some do, as the "letters to the editor"

columns in magazines bear witness.

There isn't anything too minor to miss the eagle eye of some reader. I remember publishing some years ago a story set in Ecuador in which berrazas was used as the word for parsnips. As soon as air mail could reach me. I had a letter from a gentleman in Ecuador who informed me very politely that the word was never used in his country. It belongs in Guatemala, it seems. In Ecuador, in case anyone wants to know, parsnips are pastinacas

When a Spanish-speaking lawyer friend of mine told me there are 23 words for "green peas" used in various Latin-American countries, I determined I'd keep peas out of any story I might write or publish about these countries. The characters would just have to eat beans-which most of the natives prefer anyhow.

ILLUSTRATORS really sin more than writers against accuracy. Some of them apparently never read the stories they illustrate, or they wouldn't picture a gal in a green blouse when the author deture a gal in a green blouse when the author describes her as wearing a yellow tea gown. I recall an illustration I once published of a man releasing a pigeon for flying. (The story was really about pigeons-not larks or penguins, as my remark about illustrators might lead you to surmise.) Half a dozen pigeon fanciers wrote in to point out that no pigeon expert would hold his hand and wrist the way the character did in the picture.

Of course, these things are not too important to most of us. But there is always someone-often a lot of someones-to whom such matters mean much. They lose faith in a magazine that deals inaccurately with their profession or hobby.

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From the noted editor of a magazine chain comes encouragement for those who are merely bright—and those who are more than bright

By ROBERT O. ERISMAN

YOU are a bright person. You made the honor roll in high school, you were maybe cum laude, or better, in college.

So naturally you want to be a writer.

Have you any talent, though? you suddenly

What you should wonder is, Do you need any talent?

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For Ideas have become the thing in fiction. Sensational Ideas. Topical Ideas.

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You get a Timely Idea for a slick story, and editors will give the script very serious attention, and whether you possess talent will have little bearing on their final decision. (Like the recent case of a top slick magazine accepting a story whose "theme" was a new kind of building material that was being given nationwide advertising, and having its editors rewrite practically the whole manuscript into publishable shape.)

You get a Clever Idea for a pulp story, give it minimum professional presentation, and you can forget talent; you'll very likely sell the story.

So you don't need to have talent to be a fiction writer-you simply have to be bright. enough to detect what very simple plot patterns are quite sufficient in all the kinds of fiction. Bright enough to note how much and in what way you need to describe characters and setting, what constitutes adequate dialogue, the kind and quantity of action suitable. And of course, most important, bright enough to figure what, in the particular field you're studying, comprises a Sensational Idea.

Bright enough, finally, to detect that most successful fiction nowadays is not fiction but fictionized fact, ideas presented in fictional form by capable hacks, ideas acted out and talked out by one-dimensional stereotyped characters.

Oh, editors are still delighted if the author throws in some talent too. That's all to the good. But it's like the politician who actually is an honest, educated, high-type man. The party loves that, that's just great-if the gent is first of all a successful politician.

What has brought this about? Why has talent become unnecessary? It's probably tied up with the disappearance of most handicrafts. Of integrity in work, of personal, loving production of art. This is the day of the reasonable facsimileof machine-made "antique" furniture, of factory-produced "homemade" baked goods, of "prescription-like ingredients." Evidently fiction that looks like fiction is good enough too.

There seems to be no time any more for art, its creation or appreciation. The pace of the world becomes faster every day, more jazzed-up and dazzling, more condensed, which is no soil for art to flourish in. You must score quickly and strikingly these days or the world will pass you by. There's no point in working over something to last a thousand years when it will be hopelessly out of date in a few weeks.

Then there's the financial factor. Printing costs have risen to the point where book publishers have to confine their lists tighter and tighter to items they know will pay their way. By their own admission, there is little place for art in this. Little literary magazines, once the haven of the artist when all other doors were shut to him, have become prohibitively expensive, so that there are fewer and fewer of them.

BUT you are not just a Bright Person, you insist. You happen to be very serious about writing, you happen to feel that you have talent, and irrespective of all this discouraging evidence, you feel this wonderful art thing boiling in you and, by heaven, you are going to give it to the world.

You point to instances right today of sheer talent succeeding. For example, J. D. Salinger's first novel, The Catcher in the Rye, which was a Book-of-the-Month Club selection, and at latest reports was near the top of the best-seller lists. Henry Green, with his novel Loving, which hit and stuck longer than most on the best-seller lists. Here, you point out, is prose rich in poetic image: brilliant characterization, dialogue that makes you laugh, it is so good. Here are delicate humor, and human warmth, and profound and symbolic and satiric and significant overtones. Here is the art of fiction [Continued on Page 29]

# I Write to Inspire

The fascinating story of a New England clergyman whose love for folks makes him welcome in scores of magazines

By PHILIP JEROME CLEVELAND

EIGHT years ago I accepted a call to a dwind-ling, rundown old parish, the Westminster Hill Church, town of Canterbury, Conn. Five persons attended services. The salary was \$5 a week. Immigrant farmers had filled the community, but they didn't even help fill my church. Here was an opportunity, I felt, to find out if the United Nations principle really would work on our rural

I found Finns, Germans, Russians, Italians, Lithuanians, Estonians, buying up all available land. They were scared out of their wits by mention of church. Also they were not sold on democ-

One Sunday, the war scarcely over, a Finn, a German, and a Russian farmer shock hands and pledged friendship beneath Old Glory in the meetinghouse. I sent a sketch of the incident (and

what preceded it) to Fulton Oursler.

A few days later Mr. Oursler walked into my modest parsonage to say: "Mr. Cleveland, I think you have an article there." He plied me with questions and requested additional data. He sat in the gallery of the church to get the atmosphere

Not long afterward "The Broken Bell" appeared in the Christian Herald and the Reader's Digest. My big writing break had come because I had tried, successfully, to salvage a ruined shrine. I didn't dream I was doing anything significant; was just trying to help folks who needed help. Not till afterward did I realize that the story of

my work might inspire others.

Often one's unselfish act is what brings one a fresh, inspiring idea. One day I felt I should visit a convalescent home a few miles distant, to bring courage to shut-ins, cripples, invalids. I played the piano, and my wife and children sang old heartstirring songs. I soon discovered that many aged, incurably ill people had a brand of patience and fortitude superior to what I possessed.

Late that night I was inspired to write "Nocturne," and found a place for it in Good Housekeeping. When the poem appeared, a woman in Minnesota wrote me that the lines had strength-

ened her as she faced the hospital.

The words of inspiration are spoken constantly. One needs only to keep his ears tuned for them. Motoring in my state on a sub-zero day, a businessman stopped his car because of a snowstorm. Then he say a young woman struggling bravely, on foot, across a huge drift.

"I'm going home," the man called to her. "Let's go back and transact our business by telephone." Grinning, the woman replied: "I'm your telephone operator." It was an "inspired moment" and the Saturday Evening Post used it.

Such stories one runs into every day. All of us hear thousands a year and forget to note them.

A genial, observing postmaster in rural Brooklyn, Conn., where I preached for nine years, told me of a chair-bound woman who lived up the road. She was ready to die but wanted to live. Day after day she was wheeled to the window in her pillowed chair to stare and exclaim as she saw a snowstorm, the first flowers, June roses, the blaze of autumn on the everlasting hills. She didn't want to lose the wonderful treasures spilled every day at her feet, though they are crippled feet.

The thought fascinated me. I wrote it up, and

the Journal of Living used it.

Who would think that a perspiring, busy Lithuanian farm woman could have a big story? At her home one night she recounted a dynamic narrative of old Lithuania. I listened breathlessly. "Go over that again!" I urged. "What for, meenister?" she asked, laughing.

"You like it, what?"

She went over "Story of Love" again. The Christian Herald published it. In a crowded livingroom, with many people talking, I fished out that wonderful story from a misty sea of conversation.

One day I passed a field where a bronzed farmer plowed the rich brown loam. I paused to watch. He spoke kindly to his lean but sinewy horse, while he calmly smoked a corn-cob pipe. His eye spilled over with good humor. I talked with the man a few moments.

Within half an hour I was writing about the influence of the good earth and the high qualities of men who work the fresh spring soil. My first sale to the Ladies' Home Journal resulted.

Often an inspirational article develops from my reading. In biographies of Abraham Lincoln, I was struck with the thought that Lincoln's face, his features, resumbled the countryside of Illinois. I labored to show the relation between a man's physical features and the physical features of the land he knew. This Week published my "Portrait of Lincoln."

WO years ago I sent a dollar to a secondhand Two years ago I sent a donar book store in Michigan for a title that intrigued me. In the dilapidated volume I made a find—a flowery true love story of the old South. I read it, reread it. Then I wrote the story in modern style — "Wedding in the Wilderness,"

which appeared in Coronet in 1950.

We writers often neglect the mines of memory. A while ago I recalled two unique weddings at which I had officiated. In the last war I married a young soldier in a tavern at Danielson-a lastminute romance. I married another young couple by the roadside in Norwich. The youth could not be married in the Church of the Broken Bell; I had to lead the party ten miles and marry them in the town where they had taken out the marriage license. For years I had not thought of these

incidents as possessing significance. But Yankee did and devoted three pages to them.

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One can bother with an aged, nervous, talkative guest and find a story. Instead of walking out, one can listen attentively, expecting to be bored to death, yet discovering the story germ.

Yes, I had this experience one autumn weekend. Such a woman visited my wife and recounted wearying experiences. But there was one astounding story that finally unwound its colorful thread. In her youth she knew the Swedish coachman who drove the great Jenny Lind across New England.

She told of Jenny, singing at a picnic along with birds. I scented my story. The Woman published "Jenny Lind and the Winged Choir."

Again, what is so dull to a writer as a drab, poky, old New England sermon? I sweated and strained through a dry-as-dust Conference Day in my ancient Brooklyn Congregational Church. The last speaker of the day would have put sun, moon, and stars asleep. But he happened to mention, far along in the sermon, an incident relating to a Puritan wedding in New London, performed in Gingerbread Lane by ancient and honorable Governor Gurdon Saltonstall of Connecticut.

The governor, also a preacher, married a re-

calcitrant young couple on the street by neat strategy. The ancient story held me spellbound. I rushed up to the white-headed preacher

after the meeting.

"Where did you get that story?"

"It's in an old book."

"What page?"
"Don't know."

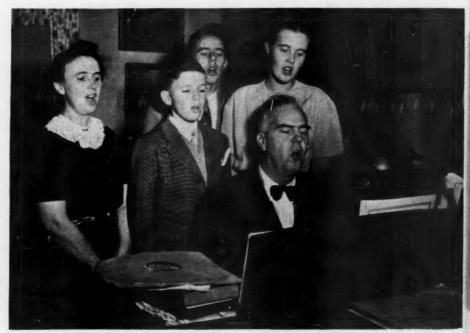
"Where is the book?"

"You should find a copy in the Hartford Public Library."

I dashed to Hartford and turned over heaps of pages of nothing, ultimately to find my golden nugget of a story. Yankee bought it.

Once in a blue moon inspiration seems to descend from the clouds. For some unknown reason a summer squall set me thinking of Christmas, angels, a young mother with her baby in a city hospital. I wrote a little piece that appeared in a Christmas issue of Good Housekeeping.

Never have I written an inspirational article about anything that failed to inspire me. I doubt if you can, either. But when I see or hear or read something that is truly inspiring and that I believe will inspire other folks, I am in an invigorating sea of ecstasy. So I keep on seeking inspiration and striving to inspire others. What writer could ask for more?



"I played the piano, and my wife and children sang old heart-stirring songs," writes the Rev. Mr. Cleveland in his warmly human article. . . . This energetic New England clergyman, 48 years old, has been for ten years pastor of the Westminster Hill Church, Canterbury, Conn. At the same time he is striving to keep democracy and Christianity alive in ten other rural churchs, one of which he is now restoring to its pristine beauty. Like many other busy men, he finds opportunity to write, not only for the magazines mentioned in his article, but for Everybody's Digest, the Country Gentleman, Pageant, You, and numerous others. His people are deeply interested in his writing; a deacon of his church suggested "I Write to Inspire."

# If You Write About Music

By ELIZABETH SEARLE LAMB

IF you play at Bach sonatas on your flute or add your trumpet to an impromptu jam session, if your pride and joy is a growing record collection, or if a session of amateur chamber music is right down your alley—in short, if music's your hobby, write about it! A writer with a love of music can add a fresh angle to a little research, put his material together concisely and effectively, and turn out a superior product. Pay is seldom high, unless you hit the slicks with a timely piece of high interest, but if you have an interest in music you'll receive super-satisfaction.

The music magazine field ranges from the classical-interest Musical Quarterly to the popular Down Beat; from the educational School Musician to the trade journal Music Merchandise Magazine. Music news, photographs, music of other lands, public school music ideas—there's a market for all. Each magazine has rather sharply defined

wants, so study before you send.

Etude Music Magazine is probably the best known of all general music magazines. Interesting material, not too technical, on almost every phase of music gets a good reading here. One of my first musical articles—or rather a related-to-music article, "Look Your Best to Capture Public Favor"—was published here. Also "The Harp Goes to Public School" found a place at \$30 on publication. A study of the magazines reveals interest in music of other lands; activities of, by, and for amateurs; interviews with professionals; various aspects of public school music; and a fresh approach to the history of music. Maximum length about 2000 words.

Similar requirements are found in such magazines as Music Journal, Music Today, and the Musician. There is an emphasis on music for students, elementary through high school, in Educational Music Magazine, School Musician, Drum Major, and Music Educator's Journal. Down Beat and Metronome are the mags of popular music; on the other side are the strictly long-haired Musical Quarterly, Musicology, Musical Advance, Musical America, Musical Courier, and Modern

Music.

A considerable number of musical magazines use news, often from regular regional correspondents. If interested, you might try for a spot. Consider Music News, Musical Leader, International Lyric Courier and the Orchestra World.

In addition, there are magazines catering to one instrument or type of music: Instrumentalist, Orchestra World, Accordion World, Volunteer Choir, Choir Herald, Choir Leader, and Woodwind. The trade journals include Piano Trade Magazine, Music Trades, and Musical Merchandise Magazine.

So much for the musical magazines. Writing musical articles doesn't stop there, however. Write about aspects of music which particularly interest you and try some of the general article markets. Calypsos, native folk songs, were one of the fascinations of a year in the West Indies—Pan American Magazine (recently folded) used the resulting article. Family Circle took "Music for Fun," dealing with amateur activities, and "Can You Hear A Sound?" (hints to the layman on how to hear the sounds about him as sensitively as a musician does). Americas, the new slickpaper publication of the Pan American Union, used my article on Puerto Rican folk music—and paid \$50! Almost all the big general mags use an occasional musical piece—including the Saturday Evening Post. Always get photographs if possible.

Be sure to check references on all material as

Be sure to check references on all material as closely as possible so that the professional musician won't laugh up his sleeve, or in print, at you. For general material Groves's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, Reis's Composers in America, and Pratt's History of Music are good. It doesn't hurt to scan the periodical index for recent articles on your subject. Get your facts straight and safe!

#### MUSIC MAGAZINES

Accordion World, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
Choir Herald, 501 E. Third St., Dayton I, Ohio.
Down Beat, 203 N. Wabash Ave., Chicago 1.
Drum Major, Sartell Publishing Co., Janesville,

Educational Music Magazine, 30 E. Adams St.,

Chicago 3.

The Etude Music Magazine, Bryn Mawr, Palnstrumentalist, Glenn Ellyn, Ill.

International Lyric Courier, 226 W. 53rd St., New

York 13. Metronome, 26 W. 58th St., New York 19. Music Journal, 1270 6th Ave., New York 20. Music News, Suite 210, 59 E. Van Buren St., Chi-

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Music Today, 1727 Payne Ave., Cleveland 14,

Music Trades, 113 W. 57th St., New York 19. Musical Advance, 100 W. 57th St., New Work 19. Musical America, 113 W. 57th St., New York 19. Musical Courier, 119 W. 57th St., New York 19. The Musical Leader, 332 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago 4.

Musical Quarterly, 3 E. 48rd St., New York. Musical Merchandise Magazine, 510 RKO Bldg., 1270 6th Ave., New York 20.

The Musician, 545 Fifth Ave., New York. Musicology, M. & H. Publications, Inc., Music

Science Press, Greenfield, Ohio.

Orchestra World, 1650 Broadway, New York 19.

The School Musician, 28 E. Jackson Blvd., Chi-

Volunteer Choir, 501 E. 3rd St., Dayton 1, Ohio. Woodwind, 53 W. 47th St., New York.

# Follow Chidsey, Not Me

Here is posed the question: Does daily newspaper work help or harm the would-be writer?

By Edwin Mackey Kent

HERE'S how it was . . . . for 21 years. Like many others, before and since, I did the traditional thing. Deciding to become a writer, I thought the best means to the end was to get a job on a newspaper. That way I would learn the art of putting words on paper in meaningful patterns, enhance my knowledge of life, and get paid at the same time. Also, it would be fun. It was fun, all right—too much fun!

For the next several years I worked for newspapers and press associations along the east coast all the way from Albany, N. Y., to Miami, Fla.

I worked for such disparate outfits as Variety, Bible of the theatrical world; the Brooklyn Eagle; the Morning Telegraph, a racing sheet; and the Bronx Home News, sometimes referred to as "the Washerwoman's Gazette." I spent several months on the European Edition of the New York Herald-Tribune in Paris. There were excursions into editorial work for a couple of movie companies, and into public relations.

I enjoyed every minute of those years, yet I wish they had never happened! Those jobs made existence so pleasant I never really got around to learning the ropes of my chosen profession —

free-lance writing.

Meanwhile, I told myself, I had better mature a bit before starting that novel. Read up on technique before trying short stories. Get more experience. Study characters. Observe life. Over at Frank's Tavern, say, or the Star Bar, or O'Neill's.

And the years went drifting by . . . . Looking back now, it's easy to see the signposts that I didn't notice or ignored in the past. I only hope it's not too late to profit by the

knowledge

Take poetry, for instance. The first lines of verse I penned were accepted the first time out by Russel Crouse, author, playwright, movie producer, then columnist for the New York Post. His standards, incidentally, were fairly high. Several more of my verses got into print there and elsewhere.

So what happened? Did I bend all my efforts toward becoming a poet, or, at least, a commercial versifier? Oh, no! No, indeed! I wasn't ready for poetry yet. Better get some more experience.

Plenty of time for poetry later on.

Of course, just because those initial efforts clicked doesn't mean it was a foregone conclusion I was another Walt Whitman. Or a second Eddie Guest. It does mean, though, that I didn't apply

myself long enough to find out.

By way of experiment, I recently sent out a few poems written when I was in my early twenties. Once more they were accepted the first time out, by the conductor of a well-known verse column. So, at least, they stood up over the years. The first free-lance article I wrote was accepted the first time out by a national woman's magazine. Again, instead of being stimulated to greater effort, I let things slide. You know, lots of time, get more experience.

And the years went drifting by . . . . One day I woke up to the fact I would probably remain a newspaperman all my life, if I didn't get started soon. So, at last, I began the all-out effort.

Almost before I could type my name on a sheet of paper, I was drafted. For the next three years, two months, eight days, and ten hours my principal concern was war. What concerned me most was when it would end. There was little opportunity for literary production.

When it was all over, I began to find out

When it was all over, I began to find out things about the writing game I should have learned long before. There were the business of building up a name, competition, etc., etc.

Also, turning to fiction, I discovered it was no easy trick to abandon the compressed writing of newspaper yarns and magazine articles for the expansion necessary in short stories and novels.

Anyhow, I'm hard at work now, trying to make up for lost time. My ONE BIG MISTAKE, you can see, was simply procrastination. Don't let it happen to you!

Free-lance writing happens to be one of the few professions where you can earn while you learn. Too few beginners avail themselves of the opportunity.

BACK in 1928, while I was employed by a news association in New York City, a fellow rewrite man, Donald Barr Chidsey, acted while I only dreamed of becoming an author. He hammered out a biography, Bonnie Prince Charlie, after hours, and shortly after it was published left the newspaper game for good.

Since then, he has traveled on every continent except Antarctica, lived on his own plantation in Tahiti, and had more adventures than are contained in his scores of novels, biographies, and

magazine stories.

Maybe you can't do as well as Chidsey, but at least you can try. There's no other way to find out. I know I wish I had made the attempt 21 years ago, instead of just now finding myself under way.

What is your personal judgment of the effect of daily newspaper work on the man or woman who wants to do free-lance writing? Is he more likely to turn out like Chidsey-or like the author of the article? Author & Journalist would like to hear from you, especially if you have had experience on a newspaper or are studying journalism.—The Editor.

# TIPS TO BEGINNERS

I know it is considered unethical to try to market a piece of writing to more than one magazine at the same time. The reason is obvious. But can you tell me, does this apply to a query?

Certainly not. One advantage of the query is the ability to contact several editors at once to find the one most likely to be receptive to an idea, particularly if that idea is timely and time should not be lost in the sale. I would normally query one-half to three-fourth of all the potential markets at once (depending upon the number of possible markets). If no interest is elicited by that query, try the others next. The reason I would not usually query all possible markets (unless they are only eight or ten in all) at one time is that the author may get into an embarrassing situation if a number of editors show interest at the same time. He will have to put off certain editors (to whom he might like to sell other material) while he makes the actual submission one at a time.

About a personality write-up, one article editor told me that he had planned writing about the same person and as it was his idea he would rather get the material himself. Because he is an established writer does this mean that I, being a beginner, should back out? I told the person about whom I am writing that if a more prominent writer than I should consider him, to let me know and I would withdraw. However, the editor in question hasn't decided whether he intends to do the article. What should I ethically do in this situation? Wait indefinitely until he makes up his mind?

By no means wait. An article about this person undoubtedly has more than one market. I would immediately send out queries elsewhere. Even if the editor decides to move on the story, you can query editors of magazines in non-competitive fields. (If he is editor of a large slick magazine, for example, you may be able to sell a piece to one of the smaller slicks, to a juvenile magazine, to a newspaper supplement, to a specialized magazine, etc., according to the interest in the person interviewed.)

Since you already know that at least one editor has an interest in this story (true enough, for himself), I would gamble the time on the story immediately, even while the new queries are going out. Once it is written, I would tell the first editor that you now have it prepared for submission. If he has not moved on the idea himself, he can choose between looking at your article to see if he can use it or risk the possibility you will sell it even to a competitive magazine. (For if he has not moved by then, you will be like the Civil War general who advised "getting there firstest with the mostest," and you would be ethical in submitting the story to a magazine directly competitive with his.)

In a recent issue of A&J you quote a writer who changed the endorsement on a check for a story from "All Rights" to "American Serial Rights." It has been my understanding that a copyright protects only the rights owned by the publisher at time of publication; also that publication prevents further copyrights. If this information is correct, then the change in endorsement limits the copyright to "American Serial Rights."

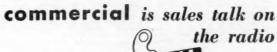
There is considerable confusion here. In the first place, copyright is not limited by the sale of certain rights. Its coverage is by law. True enough, a work is copyrighted only once. (A work which appears in magazines and is later published in book form is not fully copyrighted in the book form; for that reason, publishers of books are tending more and more to include, in the copyright notice of a book the date of any items in the book previously copyrighted.

The point is that when a work is published, it enters a special phase which takes it out of com mon law rights. If it is not copyrighted on publication, it goes into the "public domain" as public property. If it is copyrighted, it then enters that phase of law which is provided for reservation of property right in a literary work. Copyright, in effect, continues the work after publication as a personal property for 28 years, with the possibility that the term may be renewed for another 28 years.

In the case of a magazine, copyright is usually taken out in the name of the magazine. At this point, then, the magazine has been registered in the Copyright Office as owner of all rights.

Now the problem becomes: What about the sub sidiary rights, that is, all rights except the First American Serial Rights, which the magazine has actually used in printing the work? The practice is twofold: (1) some magazines insist that when they purchase a story or other writing, they purchase "all rights," that is, all property rights in the work become theirs; (2) other magazines (and, to writers, these are the best magazines in this respect) purchase only the one right which they use. When these latter magazines copyright, they are registered as owners, but they will, in turn, cede all other rights back to the author upon his request. This is the usual practice of these magazines; a few will go to the labor of providing the author with an actual assignment of copyright. Such an assignment of copyright is sometimes available from a magazine, then, or merely a legal certification that other rights are awarded back to the author. If an actual assignment of copyright is made, the author may then, for the stip ulated fee of the Copyright Office, have that assignment registered.

Copyright is a means of holding a published literary work as a piece of private property, Contracts, arrangements with publishers, etc., are means of dividing those private property rights.





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Everywoman's Magazine, 16 E. 40th St., New York 19, is another magazine following the trend to briefer material. Its maximum is now 3000 instead of 4000 words.

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Editors and publishers should at least keep the thought in mind as they thresh about for ways and means of finding more readers, of beating costs, of whipping the television threat. Some few, of course, have always put belief in talent above all else, not only as an ideal but as a practical measure. Some few believe that people are smarter than you think, and I like to count myself among these. In selecting stories for the string of pulp magazines I have edited for the past 13 years, I have always favored the writer who could do good characterizations over the man with clever plot ideas. And with the format of my books now becoming pocket size and thus aimed at a more mature taste than ever before, I will be looking more than ever for quality writing.

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BICYCLING. Scratching a pitching horse with first one foot and then the other.

BLOWING THE STIRRUP. Losing a stirrup, thereby becoming disqualified.

BROOMTAIL. A wild mare, or any horse not coming up to standard qualifications.

Bronco-buster. A cowboy who makes a profession of taming wild horses.

Buckaroo. A cowboy, usually a young one.

BUCKING, BUCK-JUMPING, PITCHING. Methods used by wild horses in attempting to rid themselves

BULLDOGGING. Wrestling a steer. Throwing a steer by the horns.

CANTLE BOARDING. A rider scratching the back of the cantle.

CAVY. The horses used by riders on a roundup. GHAPS. Heavy leather leggings worn by cowboys as protection from cold, rain, and thorns.

CHUCK WAGON. Covered wagon used in roundups and on long trail drives to carry food and medical supplies for the roundup crew.

COMMUNITY LOOP. An unusually large loop thrown by an expert roper.

Crow HOPS. A term applied contemptuously to mild bucking.

CUT OUT. To get an animal out of the erd.

Dog FALL. Throwing a steer with his feet under him. (The throw is not "legal" unless the steer is on his side with all four feet out.)

EATING GRAVEL. Receiving a hard fall from a bucking bronc or steer.

FOUR FOOTING. Roping an animal by the feet in order to keep from being thrown.

GRABBIN' THE APPLE. Grabbing the saddle horn in order to keep from being thrown.

HAZER. Assistant to the bulldogger-he takes the bulldogger's horse after the bulldogger has jumped to the steer.

HIGH ROLLER. A horse that jumps as well as bucks. HOBBLED STIRRUPS. Stirrups that are tied under the horse's belly.

HOLLIHANGING. Dropping on a steer's head and throwing him bodily without wrestling him

HONDA. The metal, bone, or rope ring through which the lasso slides to form a casting loop.

Loggering. Holding on to saddle horn. LINE RIDER. One who patrols outlying sections of the range to turn back strays.

JUGHEAD. Foolish, undependable horse.

MAIL ORDER COWBOY. A tenderfoot in expensive cowboy regalia, without any range experience.

MONTGOMERY WARD WOMAN. Homely woman one presumably "sent west on approval."

MAN-KILLER. A horse, even though it can be ridden, which never fails to strike at mounted or unmounted men if given opportunity.

Nose BAG. A canvas bag which is strapped to the horse's head at feeding time.

Pegging. When a bulldogger sticks steer's horn into ground.

PEELING. Riding an unusually rough horse.

PET MAKERS. Spurs.

PILL ROLLER. Physician.

POTHOOKS. Spurs.

PULLING LEATHER. Grasping the saddle while riding a wild horse.

RIDING THE SHOWS. "Making" all the nearby rodeos and competing for prize money

RIDING SLICK. Riding without either locked spurs or tied stirrups.

Screwing down. Sinking spurs into the cinch while riding a bronc, and failing to scratch. Sougan. Part of a cowboy's bedding equipment,

something similar to a blanket. SPADE. A Spanish bridle bit.

SUN-FISHER. A bronc that in bucking twists its body while in the air so that sunlight hits its

SWALLOWING HIS TAIL. This is when a bronc does genuine bucking and no foolin'.

TYING. Throwing and tying a steer.

TIGHT LEGGING. When a rider clamps his legs against a bronc and fails to "scratch.

WALKING BEAMING. Seesaw motion of bucking horse when it comes down on all four feet.

WATERHOLE. A place where liquid refreshments may be had—usually a "sody-pop" stand. Wrangling. Rounding up, saddling, and riding

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